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How Do I Get Started?

Easy Steps to Participating in the Indy Urban Garden Program

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If you are interested in acquiring a vacant lot for the purpose of growing food for yourself or a community group, the following steps will help you along in the process. If you have any questions regarding the process, requirements of participation, or any other concern, please contact us at urbangardens@indy.gov.

1. Identify an area for your garden space. This can be done by looking over the [map of vacant lots](#) available for the urban gardening program that are under the management of the Indianapolis Land Bank. A list of available properties, featuring specific addresses and areas, [can be found here](#). Each property listed is available for up to a five year term. Contact the Indianapolis Land Bank at 317-327-5614 regarding inquiries for properties that are not included on the list of available properties.
2. Contact the Urban Gardening Coordinator at the Office of Sustainability at urbangardens@indy.gov to determine if your desired lot is available.
3. [Review the rules of the program](#)
4. Fill out an Urban Garden Program Application, available at <http://www.sustainindy.org/indy-urban-garden-program.cfm>. Questions range from asking about accessibility of water, number of individuals involved, and tilling, to pest control and plot maintenance. Be sure to fill out the form thoroughly to help your project get off the ground more quickly! You may be asked to explain any answers provided during an in-person interview.
5. If your project is a good fit with the Indy Urban Garden Program, we will ask you and/or your organization to sign a license agreement. Each individual participating in urban gardening through the Urban Garden Program is required to fill out a waiver indemnifying the City of any injury or wrongdoing.
6. If you have any questions, contact urbangardens@indy.gov.